(c) to (e) In order of increase the stiffness, the thickness and GSM (grammage per sq. mtr.) in the bank note paper of Rs. 1000/- was slightly increased.

Branches of State Bank of Indore

†2897. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of State Bank of Indore functioning in Gwalior division;

(b) the number of branches functioning in rented buildings in this division;

(c) the number of house owners who have lodged complaints in Head Office of the Bank regarding ownership of the building;

(d) the action taken by Government on these complaints; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that it has 17 branches in Gwalior and Datia District of which 15 branches are operating from rented buildings.

(c) to (e) The bank has received only one complaint which has been examined by the bank. The claim of the complainant was found to be baseless.

Appointment on Compassionate Ground in National Insurance Company, Solan

2898. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dependents of decreased employees of National Insurance Company employed at Solan, Himachal Pradesh who died in harness in March till date are seeking job;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending with the headquarters and how many were received since January, 2003 till date and the reasons for delay in settlement of such cases; and

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(c) whether Government are aware that a number of representations have been submitted by the Members of Parliament in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Only one such representation has been received, by National Insurance Company (NIC). The Provision of compassionate appointment has been discontinued by the Company with effect from 1.9.2002. In lieu of this a scheme of granting monitory compensation '(lumpsum amount) to the legal heirs of the deceased has been Introduced.

(c) One such representation has been received from the Hon'ble M.P. of Rajya Sabha recommending compassionate appointment to the dependent of the deceased employee at Solan Branch of NIC.

Loans to private sector

†2899. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial institutions under public sector have provided loans to the private sector for establishment of industrial project and small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) the terms and conditions prescribed for the loans to be granted for above purpose and the manner in which these projects have been established with the help of these loans; and

(d) the details of the projects established in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi with the assistance of such loans during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of loans sanctioned by Public Financial Institutions (namely SIDBI, ICICI Bank, EXIM Bank, IFCI, IDBI) to the private sector for establishment of

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